

God's Garden

God looked around his garden
And found an empty place,
He then looked down upon the earth
And saw your tired face.
He put his arms around you
And lifted you to rest,
God's garden must be beautiful
He always takes the best.
He saw the road was getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb,
So he closed your weary eyelids
And whispered "Peace Be Thine".
It broke our hearts to lose you
But you didn't go alone,
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern, and kindness shown to them during this time of bereavement.

May God forever bless and keep you.

The Elam Family

Sunrise
December 4, 1965

Sunset
July 21, 2017

*In Loving Memory
Of
Willie A. Elam, Jr.*



*Monday, July 31, 2017
Visitation 10:00AM - Funeral 11:00AM
JAMES H. HUNT FUNERAL HOME
126 Ridge Avenue
Asbury Park, New Jersey
Dr. Clarence Toomer, Officiating*

Order of Service

PROCESSIONAL

INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE
Blessed Assurance

SCRIPTURE READING
OLD TESTAMENT
NEW TESTAMENT

PRAYER OF COMFORT

SOLO
Ms. Stephanie Miller

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, RESOLUTIONS & OBITUARY
Ms. Patricia Toomer-Lyons

POEM
Ms. Emma Elam

REMARKS (2 MINUTES)
Family and Friends

SOLO
"I Won't Complain"
Ms. Sharmane Gilliam

EULOGY
Rev. Gertrude Toomer-Davis

RECESSIONAL

INTERMENT
MONMOUTH MEMORIAL PARK
TINTON FALLS, NEW JERSEY



Obituary

Willie Andrew Elam, Jr., son of the late Willie Andrew Elam, Sr. and Pamela-Toomer Elam was born December 4, 1965 in Elizabeth, New Jersey. He was the oldest of ten children. Willie departed this earthly life on Friday, July 21, 2017 at Jersey Shore University Medical Center, Neptune, New Jersey surrounded by his family, the ones he laughed with, lived for and loved. Willie, "affectionally known as Chubs" by his family, attended the Asbury Park School System, graduating from Asbury Park High School in 1984. He excelled in football and track, receiving several medals and trophies as an outstanding athlete.

Upon graduation from high school, Willie joined the National Guard. In 1985, he decided to further his education at Chowan College in North Carolina.

Willie was previously employed as a construction worker and landscaper.

He enjoyed spending time with his family, and will be greatly missed by those who loved and knew him. Chubs had a kind heart and gentle spirit, never complained and always willing to extend a helping hand when needed.

Willie was predeceased by his father, Willie Elam, Sr. in 2008, maternal grandparents, Willie and Hazel Toomer and paternal grandparents, John and Alice Elam.

He leaves to cherish his memory two daughters, Emma Elam of Neptune and Pamela Elam of Beechwood, NJ, a stepdaughter Zatima Benson of Neptune, a son, Tyrene Durant of California, his mother, Pamela Elam of Asbury Park, four brothers, Darrick Elam of Toms River, Derrick (Diane) Elam of Maryland, Anthony (Taniel) Elam of Newark, and Kevin Elam of Asbury Park, five sisters, Wanda (Sylvester) Brown, Tracey (Steven) Nelson, Nicole (Miquel) Queinlan, all of Neptune, Pamela Elam (Robert), and Yvonne Elam, both of Asbury Park, two grandchildren, Ryver N. Bey and Omari Innocent, both of Neptune, a devoted friend, Dawn Riddick, of Asbury Park, and a host of uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.